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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH ZAMBIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER: RHODESIA

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1. AFTER THEY HAD DISCUSSED NAMIBIA DURING THEIR
CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 13 (REFTEL), THE SECRETARY AND
MWALE TURNED TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. MWALE EXPRESSED
FEAR THAT MUZOREWA, SITHOLE, AND OTHER INTERNAL RHODESIAN
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NATIONALISTS WERE "BEING TAKEN FOR A RIDE," TIME WAS
RUNNING OUT, SMITH WAS ORGANIZING "SUICIDE SQUADS," AND
THAT A BLOODY CIVIL WAR --PITTING "BLACK MAN AGAINST
BLACK MAN" -- WAS IN PROSPECT.

2. THE SECRETARY ASKED WHETHER THE PATRIOTIC FRONT
WERE IN FACT BECOMING MORE UNITED. MWALE REPLIED THAT
THEY WERE BECAUSE MUGABE AND NKOMO REALIZED THAT INDIVIDU-
ALLY THEY COULD NOT "CONTAIN THE SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE."
THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT MANY HOURS TRYING TO

IMPRESS MUGABE AND NKOMO WITH THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR PF UNITY. THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT IF THEIR UNITY WAS ONLY TRANSITORY, THE INTERNAL SOLUTION WOULD BE GIVEN A BOOST. HE REFERRED TO THE APPARENT LOSS OF

MOMENTUM ON THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND ASKED IF THE PF WAS IN CONTACT WITH MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE. MWALE ANSWERED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE SO.

3. THE SECRETARY SAID IT HAD BEEN LEFT THAT THE PF WOULD MEET AGAIN WITH THE US AND THE UK. MWALE ASKED WITH WHOM THIS HAD BEEN LEFT, AND THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT WITH THE PF. MWALE THEN OBSERVED THAT THE US SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE VERY QUICKLY TO GET ANOTHER MEETING UNDER WAY. HE ADDED THAT WE SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON THE BRITISH IN THIS MATTER, AND WENT ON TO EXPRESS DEEP SUSPICION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S MOTIVES. HE CHARGED THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND SOME MEMBERS OF HMG WITH GIVING TACIT SUPPORT TO AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. THE SINCERE WILLINGNESS OF THE US TO HELP WAS APPRECIATED. MWALE SAID THAT "TIME WAS NOT ON OUR SIDE" AND THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE SOON REGARDING ANOTHER MEETING. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO
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